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OUTLINES.

Fund for the benefit of Mrs. Lawton, widow of the General, amounts to $10,000. —— Secretary of the Treasury Gage says he can find no cause for the alleged panic conditions. —— Burnley Taylor arrested in Richmond, Va., charged with larceny of $3,000. —— The funeral of D. L. Moody will take place Tuesday afternoon. —— Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, has crossed the mountains near Bayombong, Luzon, going southward; the release of Lieut. Gilmore and other American prisoners is reported; Col. Hane reports two engagements with Filipino forces. —— Willis Clark, a variety actor, tried to kill his wife and child and committed suicide in New York. —— The American hospital ship Maine sailed from London for Cape Town. —— N. C. Supreme Court adjourned to meet again the first Monday in February. —— Field Marshal Roberts left London yesterday for South Africa. —— Terrific explosion in a coal mine near Brownsville, Pa.; the loss of life will be heavy.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .18; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .62.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—For North Carolina—Fair in western, rain followed by fair and cooler in eastern portion Sunday; brisk westerly winds; Monday fair.

Port Almanac—Dec. 24.

Sun Rises	7.12 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 36 M.
High Water at Southport	12.42 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	4.12 P. M.

The North Carolina hen is supplying Havana with eggs. One of the egg shippers of Mount Airy has shipped about 40,000 dozen since last April.

A Florence, Alabama, man tells a story about a gourd in his possession which was used as a powder horn in the Revolutionary war. There's nothing in it.

Paris ought to keep on good terms with American women, for they annually buy, according to a Paris journal, $7,000,000 worth of millinery in that city.

There are about a thousand vacant houses in London which no one will live in because the impression prevails that they have been preempted by ghosts.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Commercial Advertiser* writes that the Senate currency bill is not likely to be passed before February. They can't choke off debate in the Senate as they do in the House.

There is a movement in Congress to enlarge the White House. The White House was large enough for bigger Presidents than McKinley, but they didn't have any Mark Hannas sloshing around in it. He requires a good deal of room.

Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitchener, who have been called to rescue England from mess in South Africa, are both Irishmen. And Irish troops are doing some of the hardest fighting down there. Without Ireland England's right arm would be gone.

Lieutenant Caldwell, who served with General Lawton, in a letter to a friend in this country, received some time before Lawton's death, predicted that he would be shot, for he exposed himself so recklessly and had so many narrow escapes.

Astronomer Flammarion thinks there is a connection between the spots on the sun and the cold winters we have had within the past twenty years. Now he will please rise and explain what connection there is between them and the hot summers.

It is said that the hospital ship Maine, which benevolent ladies have fitted up for service in the Transvaal war, will fly the British and American flags, whereupon Henry Labouchere informs them that if they fly the flags of two nations they may be, under international law, picked up as pirates.

"Peace on earth and good will to men" will not usher in this Christmas. We wish it could, and that the horrid story of war and crime and desolation gave place to the joyful carols of peace. The STAR wishes those who can be merry and those who can be happy, a merry and a happy Christmas.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Dr. A. H. Harriss has the "onliest" buggy in town. It is equipped with bicycle-built wheels.

— Mr. W. H. Northrop, Jr., announces that he is prepared to do a a general fire insurance business.

— Mr. N. F. Parker, the furniture man, delivered piles of goods yesterday. All goods not delivered will be sent out on Monday.

— As Christmas day will be observed as a holiday by the STAR employes, no paper will be issued from this office Tuesday morning.

— In the Police Court yesterday Rachel Swinson, colored, for drunkness and disorderly conduct, was given a fine of $5 or fifteen days in the guard house.

— Messrs. F. H. Stedman, W. S. Bernard, Charles Elliott and Jim Sinclair will leave this morning for Rocky Mount to join a party on a hunting expedition.

— The Atlantic National Bank and the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company have both declared semi-annual dividends of three per cent., payable on demand.

— In the Register of Deed's office yesterday a deed was filed by W. E. Powell and wife conveying to H. H. Woebse and wife, a lot in Love's Alley, between Taylor and Nixon streets. Consideration, $75.

— On Friday a committee consisting of Messrs. Sam Potts, Eugene LeGrand and Zack Bell, on the part of the pupils of Cape Fear Academy, presented a handsome silver waiter to Prof. Washington Catlett, the principal.

— Mr. B. F. King, the enterprising manager of the King Grocery Company, kindly remembered the STAR staff with a box of cigars last night. He has their warmest thanks and their best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

— The balance of the overcoats for the police force, furnished by the Fishblate Clothing Company, arrived last night and will be delivered Christmas day. The coats were made by the famous clothing house of Strouse Bros., Baltimore, and are the finest and handsomest ever furnished to the police force.

— In wishing all its patrons a merry Christmas, The STAR, by way of parenthesis, desires to put in an oar for the carrier boys. They will greet you to-morrow with a pretty Christmas carrol and your liberality is bespoken for the little fellows who have delivered your paper—rain or shine, sleet or snow.

— The Rev. Joseph P. King, who recently accepted the call of his old congregation of the Second Advent Church, will resume the pastorate January 1st. He arrived here yesterday with his family from Live Oak, Fla., where they have been residing a couple of years. Mr. King will preach for his congregation to day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. H. Curran—Merry Xmas.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
Dingelhoef Bros.—Open Monday.
W. H. Northrop, Jr.—Insurance.
Atlantic National Bank—Dividend.
Imperial Bargain House—One week.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Merry Christmas
O. P. Cazaux & Co.—Open to-morrow
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Dividend notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Royal Gum Co.—Boys wanted.
John G. Russell—Season's greetings

Too Busy To Scratch.

The Fishblate Clothing Company expected to change its advertisement in the STAR this morning, but the Christmas trade rushed them so that they did not have time to get up one. Their magnificent Masonic Temple store was crowded all day yesterday and all hands were kept busy last night till nearly midnight.

Mr. S. H. Fishblate said when seen at midnight that in all his history in business he had never had such a trade on Christmas eve and the week preceding. This shows that a house with the proper goods at proper prices will get the business. That is what the Fishblate Clothing Company is doing.

Signs of Christmas.

The signs upon the street yesterday indicated that Christmas is here. The streets were crowded with shoppers all day and till late last night. Santa Claus was making busy calls in all directions, loading down his reindeers with all kinds of things to be left in stockings to-night. The small boy was the most hilarious individual abroad. Last night he made his presence manifest by shooting cannon crackers that would have made a Filipino quake. He also split the ether with blasts from his bazooo, and the tinkling of cow bells caused Uncle Owen Moore to think his cows had jumped the pasture fence.

To Open Bids To-morrow.

Bids for drilling the proposed artesian well at Fort Caswell will be opened here to-morrow by Lieut. Bishop, of the Quartermaster Department. Mr. Elisha Gregory, of New York city, an expert well man, who has for twenty years been driving wells all over the United States, has arrived here and will be one of the bidders.

The annual meeting of the United Charity Association will be held at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, 1899, at 3 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT THE CHURCHES.

Splendid Programme to be Rendered at the Services in Some Churches To-day and in Others To-morrow.

Some of the churches will have Christmas musical programmes to-day and others to-morrow:

Grace Church To-day.

At Grace M. E. Church South, Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor, the following music will be rendered at 11 A. M. to-day:

Voluntary, "The New Born King," E. L. Ashford.
Hymns 102 and 106.
Offertory, "Christ is Born," E. L. Ashford.
Hymn 107.

At 7.30 P. M. the following music will be rendered:

Voluntary, "Hark, What Means Those Holy Voices?" J. A. Parks.
Hymns 1 and 4.
Offertory, Christmas hymn, E. L. Ashford.
Hymn 398.

Sopranos, Mrs. John Frank, Miss Nora Scott and Miss Lillie Bell McLaurin; contraltos, Mrs. W. W. Hodges and Miss Minnie Perdew; tenor, Mr. W. W. Hodges; bass, Mr. J. H. Davis; organist, Mrs. Mattie Chasten; cornetist, Mr. E. C. Craft.

First Presbyterian Church.

At the First Presbyterian Church this morning at 11 o'clock, the following will be the music:

Hail, Thou Expected Jesus (Mendelssohn), quartette.
The Birthday of the King (Neidlinger), quartette, with soprano obligato.
O, Little Town of Bethlehem (Neidlinger) quartette, with soprano obligato.
Calm on the Listening Ear of Night (Marston), bass solo and quartette.
The Holy Child (Shelley), soprano solo and quartette, with sopano obligato.
O'er the Hills of Bethlehem (Shelley), soprano solo and quartette, with soprano obligato.

Sopranos, Mrs. W. L. Latta and Mrs. D. C. Clark; contralto, Mrs. E. G. Woody; tenor, Mr. Charles V. Motte; bass, Mr. H. K. Holden; organist and director, Prof. J. G. Russell.

First Baptist Church.

At the service to-day at 11 A. M. at the First Baptist Church the subject of the Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., will will be "Gleams From the Star of Bethlehem." There will be special music.

To night Dr. Blackwell's subject will be, "Discord in the Angel Choir—instead of Peace on Earth—War." He will discuss the spectacle presented by two of the most enlightened nations of the world as they are at this season, when peace is enjoined upon the world, engaged in prosecuting a deadly war against weaker peoples. At this service there will be special Christmas music, one of the numbers on the programme being a quartette, with two solo parts, the latter to be rendered by Mrs. E. G. Woody. The quartette will be composed of Mrs. Charles Blomme, Mr. E. G. Woody, Mr. W. L. Willford, Mrs. E. G. Woody; Mr. A. H. Yopp organist.

Christmas Services.

At St. Thomas' Catholich Church to-morrow (Christmas day) there will be first mass at 6 A. M. and high mass at 10:30 A. M. At high mass the following music will be rendered:

Kyrie—Kalliwoda.
Gloria—Willard, in G.
Adeste Videlis—Weigand.
Credo—Gounod.
Sanctus—Gounod
Benedictus—Gounod.
Agnus Dei—Gounod.

St. James' Church.

At St. James' Episcopal Church this afternoon at 4.45 o'clock, there will be a children's Christmas service, after which there will be magic lantern scenes in the Parish House, showing incidents in the life of Christ.

At 11 o'clock to-morrow Dr. Strange will preach a sermon appropriate to the day, and there will be an elaborate programme of music.

At the Parish House on Tuesday night the children of the Sunday school will have a Christmas tree. Many of the presents will be taken to the children of the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

To-morrow at 11 A. M. the programme will be as follows at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector.

Te Deum, in D. (J. W. Elliott).
Jubilate Deo, in flat (J. R. Corbin).
Gloria, in F (Mollineux).
The Angels' Song, in G (C. H. Gabriel.
Hymns 63, 60, 57, 539.

Sopranos—Mrs. John J. Fowler and Miss Lena Beery; altos, Miss Hattie Whittaker and Miss McMillen; tenor, Mr. W. P. Toomer; bass, Mr. R. H. Grant.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

At St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to-day at 11 A. M., there will be services in German, and in English at 7.30 P. M.

To-morow at 11 A. M. there will be special Christmas service, in English. An elaborate programme of music will be rendered.

Christmas Hours at the Postoffice.

On Christmas day the Postoffice will observe the usual Sunday hours. The general delivery window will be open from 9 to 10 A. M., and the registry department during the same hour, for the delivery of packages only. The carriers will, however, make an early morning delivery and the regular collections will be made from the boxes during the day.

LAID TO REST.

Funeral of Mr. William Ulrich Yesterday Morning—Wilmington Light Infantry and Reserve Corps Attend.

The obsequies of the lamented Mr. William Ulrich, who departed this life on Thursday morning, took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence on the southwest corner of Front and Church streets. There was a large attendance, including a delegation from Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member, and the Wilmington Light Infantry and the W. L. I. Reserved Corps, in a body, to which Mr. Ulrich belonged. The deceased's sister, Mrs. H. M. Bremer, of New York, was here to attend the funeral.

The Rev. A. G. Voigt, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, conducted the services in an impressive manner, after which a large cortege bore the remains to Oakdale Cemetery for interment. The cortege was headed by the Reserved Corps, with the Light Infantry, in full uniform, following them. The Woodmen of the World came next in a carriage.

After the final service at the grave it was overlaid with many beautiful floral designs. The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary, Dr. Charles T. Harper and Dr. Thomas S. Burbank; active, Col. Walker Taylor and Messrs. J. E. Hall, August Zoeller, D. D. Cameron, Charles Schnibben and Henry Weil.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Geo. Miller, of Faison, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. Victor T. Boatwright got home last night from Norfolk.

— Mr. John Wilson, of Willard, was here on business yesterday.

— Mr. J. F. Foster, of Jacksonville, was on our streets yesterday.

— Lieut. Percy S. Bishop, of Fort Caswell, was a guest of The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. H. W. Jackson, of Raleigh, was among last night's arrivals in the city.

— Dr. Pride Thomas has come home from New York to eat his Christmas turkey.

— Lieutenant A. J. Hankins arrived home yesterday from the A. and M. College, Raleigh.

— Messrs. Henry Horne and Colin Kerr, are at home for the holidays from Trinity College.

— Miss Leslie Strode, of Charleston, S. C., is in the city, the guest of Miss Sarah Crosswell.

— Prof. J. C. Horner, of Horner's Military School, Oxford, was among last night's arrivals in the city.

— Capt. T. C. James, special inspector of the A. C. L., with headquarters at Atlanta, came in last night.

— Miss Elizabeth Love, of Asheville, is in the city for the holidays, the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. D. Love.

— Prof. Smoot, of Greensboro Female College, and family are here on a visit to Mrs. McGirt, mother of Mrs. Smoot.

— Mr. and Mrs. Armand DeRosset, of Norfolk, arrived last evening and will be here till after New Years.

— Mr. Joe Byerly of the Weather Bureau, left last night for Baltimore to spend a while with his parents.

— Messrs. Gilbert Voigt and August Wessell have come home from Newberry College, S. C., to spend Christmas.

— Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Jones of N. Y., arrived last night to enjoy the holidays with relatives and friends in Wilmington.

— Misses Alice Smallbones, Julia Fillyaw, Mary Bell Fillyaw and Lillian Horne, came home last night from a visit to Norfolk.

— Mr. Adam Latta, who arrived here from New York a few days ago to attend the funeral of his sister, will return this morning.

— Mrs. Sam P. Collier, Jr., left yesterday for Durham, to spend the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Tyer.

— Our townsman Capt. George P. Cotchett and Mr. W. McR. Smith, who are now travelling for the F. S. Royster Guano Company, of Norfolk, Va., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the hodidays.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Saturday: "Col. Peter Mallett, of New York, arrived here yesterday afternoon and went down to Wilmington this afternoon to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes."

— Sheriff George A. Burns, of Fayetteville, whose ardor as a sport has never been dimmed, will come down to-day with the Fayetteville base ball team which is to buck Wilmington's athletes to-morrow at Hilton Park.

— Mr. Jas. W. Perrin, chief clerk in the traffic department of the A. C. L., left yesterday for Rock Hill, S. C., where he will spend several days with relatives and friends. That important cablegram he was expecting reached here soon after he departed, having been "delayed in transmission."

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

WILMINGTON GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

Plans for Reorganization of Wilmington Gas Light Company Reach a Successful Stage.

The STAR is informed that the plans for the reorganization of the Wilmington Gaslight and Electric Company have been progressing satisfactorily, and have reached a point where success in carrying them into effect is assured.

Parties in New York and Wilmington are interested in the deal, and, as first mentioned exclusively in the STAR, the general plan they proposed to the stockholders of the Wilmington Gaslight Company was to take up the stock and issue bonds in lieu thereof to the stockholders. Nearly all the stockholders have accepted the proposition to exchange stock for bonds, there being only a few who have not yet been heard from. The details for the capitalization of the concern will be arranged shortly.

The entire plant of the company is to be rehabilitated and the most modern methods put into execution. It is learned that besides the lighting branch of the business, the new company is to introduce gas for heating and cooking purposes. Early in January it is the purpose of the new owners of the company to inaugurate in Wilmington the use of gas stoves and ranges which have proven so popular in other cities. The introduction of the new stoves will be under the supervision of an expert who will be here in a few days for the purpose.

The Wilmington Gaslight Company was organized in 1851, with a capital stock of $60,000. The incorporators were P. K. Dickinson, John A. Taylor, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., N. N. Nixon, Thomas H. Wright, Miles Costin, Edward Kidder and Peter M. Walker, all of whom are dead.

Mr. R. J. Jones, who has for thirty-one years been secretary and treasurer of the company, is one of the few living stockholders of the company at the time he became connected with it. In fact only three of the stockholders of that period are living. The president and all the directors, and every man in the employ of the company when he was first elected to his office have passed away. The last of the old employes was Mr. J. H. Turner, fireman and engineer, who died in this city on Thursday last.

TO KEEP ORDER CHRISTMAS.

Twenty Special Policemen Sworn in at the City Hall Yesterday Morning.

In addition to the regular police force of men, the following special policemen were sworn in at the City Hall yesterday morning: A. J. Mott, Isaac James, Charles Morton, Dave Piver, Lewis Gordon, John Piver, Joe Bryan, S. J. Bryan, I. T. James, J. B. Harrell, J. H. Ruark, W. B. Bowden, J. Q. Herring, W. W. Young, T. G. Evans, John Hines, Ed George, W. T. Williams, Frank Chadwick, G. E. Hawkins.

A Reformatory Needed.

In the absence of Mayor A. M. Waddell, who went on a hunting expedition yesterday, Alderman W. E. Springer, Mayor pro tem, presided at the city court yesterday afternoon. He gave a hearing to Arthur Taylor, Richard Herring, Johnson Mills and Charles Hawkins, negro boys, whose ages are from 8 to 12 years, charged with stealing brasses from the Atlantic Coast Line shops. He held their case open till Tuesday to consider what punishment could be meted out to them. The evidence showed that they were caught in the act, but they are too young to be bound over to the Criminal Court.

This is still further evidence that a reformatory is needed for young criminals in North Carolina. Mayor Waddell stated a few days ago that this is the only State that has not such an institution. How long will it be till North Carolina establishes this needed reform?

The Football Game.

The Fayetteville *Observer* of yesterday, writing about the great foot ball game to take place here to-morrow afternoon at the Hilton Park grounds, between Fayetteville and Wilmington teams, says:

The stemer *Hurt* will leave here at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) night, instead of 12, as originally planned. This will put the football boys in Wilmington by 9 or 10 o'clock Monday morning. Captain Sandy Robeson will be in command of the *Hurt*. Fayetteville's team are now all here, and will have a practice this afternoon. The following will be the line up: Watson, E., Watson, P., Gaster, MacRae, Jas., MacRae, Cam., Bennett, Fetzer, Yonon, Cromartie, Lambeth, Wright, Martin and Sutton.

A Wanderer Comes Home.

Mr. J. Bryan Russell, formerly of Wilmington, now a resident of Texas, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to spend a while with relatives and friends.

Mr. Russell left Wilmington about five years ago to seek employment in New York city. Since then he has travelled extensively, residing for a while in England and France.

He finally settled in Texas, and has through energy and enterprise achieved marked success.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms. †

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

FOOT BALL TO-MORROW.

Fayetteville Coming Down to Do Our Boys—The Game Will be Played To-morrow Afternoon.

The bad weather prevented the shaggy haired youths from practising last night, but anyhow the boys are all in fine physical condition for to-morrow's game with the Fayettevillians.

It will be the best game of foot ball ever played in Eastern Carolina. The brawn and brain of the foot ball fraternity of North Carolina will be pitted against each other for the mastery.

Manager Scotchie Sinclair of the Wilmington team, last night received a letter from Fayetteville's manager, telling him he was yet unable to give the exact line up of his team, but that our boys must be careful or another scalp would be found dangling from Fayetteville's belt. Among Fayetteville's line up will be found some of the stars of North Carolina, and this fact has been realized by our boys, so they have arranged to put forth their strongest team.

Red and Blue are the colors of the Wilmington team, and Red that of Fayetteville.

The game will be called promptly to-morrow at 3.30 P. M. The price of admission will be, gentlemen 35 cents, ladies 25 cents.

Christmas Entertainments.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas entertainment at Luther Memorial hall Wednesday evening. Quite an interesting programme. will be rendered.

Thursday night the Sunday School of Brooklyn Baptist Church will have its Christmas entertainment. There will be an enjoyable programme. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the Thomasville Orphanage.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church will give a Christmas cantata Tuesday night in the lecture room.

The children of Grace M. E. Church Sunday School will have their Christmas entertainment next Thursday night at the City Hall.

The date for the Sunday School entertainment of Fifth Street M. E Church will be announced at the meeting of the Sunday School this afternoon.

Brick Fell on His Head.

Mr. A. J. Bolduc, of North Adams, Mass., who is known as the "steeple climber" and who is here repairing the steeples of various churches, met with a serious mishap while ascending the steeple of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. While seated in his "sling," thirty-five feet above the earth, some of the tackle loosened a brick twenty feet above him and it fell with terrific force on his head. He was badly stunned, but he retained enough presence of mind to have himself lowered to the ground.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, who was on the piazza of his father's residence, next to the church, hurried to Mr. Bolduc's assistance and took him into the house, where he was attended till Dr. T. S. Burbank called and dressed the wound. A gash an inch and a quarter long and nearly through the scalp, bled profusely. The steeple climber soon returned to work, however.

Deep Hole in the Ground.

The rock which the drill struck in the artesian well which the Clarendon Water Works Company is drilling at Hilton, doesn't seem to have any underside to it. The drill has passed through 195 feet of solid rock that is so hard tha it only made a progress of four and a half feet the past week. The hole which the drill has made in the ground and rock up to last night is 1,304 feet deep.

Puffed Up.

Mr. B. F. King, the clever manager of the King Grocery Company, was made happy last night by the kind remembrance of the clerks of the establishment. They presented him with a cut glass octagon shaped cigar holder, with silver top, on which was beautifully engraved, "B. F. King, Manager of the King Grocery Company." The holder was full of fine cigars, too, and naturally Mr. King is considerably puffed up.

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night, Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE CUSTODIAN U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE, Wilmington, North Carolina, December 20, 1899. Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M. on the 28th day of December, 1899, and then opened, for repairs, painting, &c., at the above named building. Copies of the specification may be had at this office. JOHN C. DANCY, Custodian.
dec 22 3t fr su we

Dividend Notice.

The Directors of the Atlantic National Bank have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent., payable on and after this date. Local stockholders will please call at the bank for their checks.
dec 24 2t LEE H. BATTLE, Cashier.

W. H. NORTHROP, Jr.,
General Fire Insurance agent,
114 Princess Street.
Your Business Solicited.
dec 24 1t

Dividend Notice.

The Directors of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on and after this date. Local stockholders will please call at the bank for their checks. J. S. WORTH, Acting Cashier.
dec 24 2t

Men's and Boys' Overcoats!

Ours Are the Best Fitting, Most Graceful Garments Ever Offered, Ready to Wear.

They have the new, wide sloping shoulders, straight hanging skirts, and as the length of Overcoats this season is purely a matter of individual taste, we have

Cut Them Short, Medium and Long.

Our stock is a large one and contains all the NEW NOVELTIES. We stand behind them with a guarantee that insures satisfaction or your money back.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY,
Masonic Temple Stores.
dec 24 2t

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

We wish our friends and patrons

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS,"

and sincerely thank them for their liberal patronage during the holidays.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.
dec 24 1t

We will be open Monday morning

TO DELIVER THOSE GIFTS UNCALLED FOR ON SATURDAY AND SUPPLY THE WANTS OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN NEED OF XMAS PRESENTS.

DINGELHOEF BROS.,
Jewellers and Scientific Opticians.
dec 24 tf

Owing to the Inclement weather

which prevailed last night, preventing many from making Christmas purchases,

Our store Will be Open

To-morrow (Monday) morning.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
dec 24 tf

WE HAVE EVERYTHING NICE AND FRESH FOR CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER US AS WE SHALL REMEMBER THE POOR.

PALACE BAKERY.
nov 29 tf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of A. M. Long, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. To the cred tors of A. M. Long, of Rockingham, in the county of Richmond, in the said District, Bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, A. D., 1899, the said A. M Long was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned referee in bankruptcy, in Fayetteville, in the said District, on the 4th day of January, A. D., 1900, at 12 30 o'clock in the afternoon. At which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a tru-tee, examine the bankrupt, and t ansact such other business as may properly come before the said meet ng.
Dated, Fayetteville, N. C., December 21, 1899.
SAMUEL H. MACRAE,
dec 21 1t Referee in Bankruptcy.

- - - SOLD OUT. - - -

All Xmas goods have been sold. But still on hand—

1000 Kegs Nails.
25000 Lbs Hoop Iron.
1500 Bbls Flour.
500 Bags Coffee.
100 Bbls Sugar.
200 B'xs Candy & Crackers

And car-loads of other Groceries. Call or write for prices.

D. L. GORE,
Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.
dec 21 tf

- - CIGARS. - -

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their

El Capitan General, 10c.
Union League Club, - 10c.
Cuban Blossom, ---- 5c.
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1. No Fireworks or Firecrackers OF ANY KIND are allowed AT ANY TIME WEST OF FRONT STREET.
2. No DYNAMITE Crackers can be used at ANY TIME ANYWHERE in the city limits.
3. Ordinary Firecrackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks, are permitted on the 23rd and 25th of December, on the 1st of January, and 4th of July, east of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

E. G. PARMELE, Chief of Police.
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Ten beautiful Upright Pianos in fancy cases.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24.

ROOSEVELTIAN ROT.

Governor Roosevelt, of New York, one of the most intolerant of the expansionists, who can see no honesty or patriotism in those who differ from him, has recently written for the New York *Independent* an article on peace, which is really an article in favor of war for expansion, from which we clip the following:

"Of course, our whole National history has been one of expansion. Under Washington and Adams we expanded westward across the continent to the mouth of the Columbia; under Monroe we expanded into Florida, and then into Texas and California; and finally, largely through the instrumentality of Seward, into Alaska; while under every administration the process of expansion in the great plains and the Rockies has continued with growing rapidity. While we had a frontier the chief feature of frontier life was the endless war between the settlers and the red men. Sometimes the immediate occasion for the war to be found in the conduct of the whites and sometimes in that of the reds, but the ultimate cause was simply that we were in contact with a country held by savages and half savages. Were we abut on Canada there is no danger of war, nor is their any danger where we abut on the well settled regions of Mexico. But elsewhere war had to continue until we expanded over the country. Then it was succeeded at once by a peace which has remained unbroken to the present day. In North America, as elsewhere throughout the entire world, the expansion of a civlized nation has invariably meant the growth of the area in which peace is normal through out the world.

"The same will be true of the Philippines. If the men who have counselled National degradation, National dishonor, by urging us to leave the Philippines and put the Aguinaldan oligarchy in control of those islands could have their way, we should merely turn them over to rapine and bloodshed until some stronger, manlier Power stepped in to do the task we had shown ourselves fearful of performing. But as it is, this country will keep the islands and will establish therein a stable and orderly government, so that one more fair spot of the world's surface shall have been snatched from the forces of darkness. Fundamentally the cause of expansion is the cause of peace.

"It is only the warlike power of a civilized people that can give peace to the world. The Arab wrecked the civilization of the Mediterranean coasts: the Turk wrecked the civilization of Southeastern Europe, and the Tartar desolated from China to Russia and to Persia, setting back the progress of the world for centuries; solely because the civilized nations opposed to them had lost the grand fighting qualities, and in becoming over-peaceful, had lost the power of keeping peace with a strong hand."

"Our whole national history has been one of expansion," but it wasn't expansion by gun and sword, but by peaceful and honorable methods, which involved no breach of faith and no butchering of people who relied upon our professions and hailed us as their deliverers. There isn't an inch of the territory acquired by the United States before the discreditable purchase of the Philippines, which was not honestly acquired, and there wasn't a foot of it that was had to fight to establish our supremacy over after the purchase. All the territory purchased was practically an unpeopled wilderness before purchase, and the best of reasons could be given for the purchase and not a mercenary one among them.

To protect the Republic and make it strong it must have room enough to grow and guard against hostile powers being established on its borders. To get supremacy on the continent it was necessary to get rid of the powers, as far as practicable, that might some day contest that supremacy and become troublesome. For such reasons these purchases were made when the opportunity presented itself, but made straight without any hypocritical pretence that it was done for the benefit of the people who inhabited the purchased territory.

We sympathized with and gave the colonies of Spain in Central and South America our moral support when they revolted against Spanish dominion for the same reason, that is, to remove monarchical government from this hemisphere, and we followed that up with the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine, which was a re-affirmation of the intent to make and keep this hemisphere Republican in government. The espousal of the cause of the Cubans was the culmination of that policy which began in the purchase of territory belonging to European monarchies.

There never was a step taken in all these proceedings that the self-government of the people was not kept in view, and stepping outside of our domain we gave the world to understand through the Monroe declaratiou that the European Monarchies must keep their hands off the young Republics which had followed our example.

Is there any of this in the case of the Philippines? Was their possession necessary to protect and guard the Republic? Did they abut, as Gov. Roosevelt expresses it, upon our territory and make their proximity a menace? Did we get claim to them in the same straightforward, honest and unquestionable way that we got possession of the other purchases? By what title do we hold them any way? President McKinley says by conquest and purchase. If we conquered them there was no need to purchase. But Judge Day, one of the gentlemen whom Mr. McKinley sent to negotiate peace with Spain, and who presided over the Paris Commission, says the commission made no claim on the ground of conquest, but purchased, and offered Spain such a sum of money as they had reason to believe she would accept. They did this, conceding that Spain was still the owner, and asserting no claim by force of arms.

Because it was wise to expand across this continent, to remove what might become menacing powers, thus get control of the desirable territory and be made stronger for protection and defence, should we expand on the other hemisphere from which he had nothing to fear and against which we had no need to guard, and thus make ourselves weaker instead of stronger? If we do carry out the policy of forcible expansion and plant our flag and keep it over the mixed peoples of those islands they will become our weak spot which in case of war with other nations will invite attack, and the more valuable we make them the more they will invite attack, and the more it will cost us to defend them.

In his third message to Congress Washington said that the American people might consider themselves fortunate in having the Atlantic ocean for a barrier. That is one thing that gives us little to fear from the aggressions of other nations, one reason why we had so few foreign complications, and persued our destiny of development and progress with little hindrance from other powers, because we confined ourselves to our own domain and didn't meddle with them nor get mixed up in their schemes or complications, the very thing that the Fathers of the Republic warned us against.

They believed in expansion, honest, legitimate expansion, not expansion by knavery and force. That's the difference between their expansion and the kind that Roosevelt utters his rot to defend.

"THE BLOODIEST WAR."

There has been a good deal of wild talk about the bloody fighting in South Africa. Gen. Methuen was probebly excited when ho telegraphed that the battle in which he got worsted was the "bloodiest in history." It was a pretty lively racket, considering that there were not more than 1,000 Boers, and 3,000 British soldiers participating in it, but the small number killed in proportion to the number of men engaged, does not bear out the assertion that it was an extraordinary "bloody" affair.

The remarkable thing about all these battles, in view of the reports of the storm of shot and shell, the accuracy of the marksmanship, the destructive capacity of the guns employed, and the fearful explosives used is not that there are so many killed and wounded, but that there are so few, and that so many escape.

Senator Depew called attention a few days ago to the contrast between the casualties in this "bloodiest of wars," and the casualties in our civil war when American found American, and no such machine guns and destructive explosives were used as are now used. Alluding to the losses of the British armies in South Africa, he is quoted as saying,

"These losses thus far aggregate 1,000 killed, 3,000 wounded and 2 000 taken prisoners, Senator Depew significantly remarks that 'those of us who remember the Civil War and were more or less in it recollect 23,000 killed and wounded on the Union side in the battle of Gettysburg; we remember about 10 000 a day killed and wounded in the battles of the Wilderness for seven days in succession.' But in spite of these unparalleled horrors, the country maintained its calm and 'business did not lose its head.'"

It isn't easy to excite the Englishman, but when he does become excited he gets pretty wild, and in this differs from the American who generally carries a pretty level head. But the fact is the gentlemen who precipitated this war underestimated the size of it, and the fighting capacity of the Boers, and are dazed at their blunder and the penalty Great Britain has already paid.

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Cures a Cough or Cold at once. Conquers Croup without fail. Is the best for Bronchitis, Grippe, Hoarseness, Whooping-Cough, and for the cure of Consumption. Mothers praise it. Doctors prescribe it. Small doses; quick, sure results.

FOR ALL LUNG TROUBLE

THE SHIP SUBSIDY GRAB.

Some of the most outspoken and vigorous opponents of the proposed ship subsidy scheme are papers published in our leading shipping ports, which should be especially interested in the restoration of our merchant marine. They are interested in that, but they see through the fraud of this subsidy business, concocted for the benefit of a lot of sharpers who have combined to raid the Treasury, and therefore they expose it and oppose it. The New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* is, as its name implies, a commercial paper, published in the greatest commercial center of the country, and one that has no partisanship and no political bias. It discusses questions of this character from a purely economic and business standpoint. Referring to the subsidy scheme, it says:

"Mr. Henry W. Peabody is an American shipowner of long and wide experience, but he does not seem particularly impressed with the advantages of the Hanna-Payne Subsidy bill. He has observed, what no one can be blind to, 'that the promoters of the measure are our shipbuilders and a few owners of steamships, most of which are now sailed under the English flag.' The interest of the shipbuilders in a measure for the payment of the proceeds of taxation to anyone who will buy a ship of them is obvious enough, but why should other people be quite so ready to see in such a measure a promotion of national welfare? The shipbuilders alone were unable to secure the appropriation they were after, so they associated with themselves the owners of vessels built abroad, or to be built abroad before a certain date, on condition that they would also disburse a certain amount of money with the shipbuilders. When the shipowners who have pooled their interests with the builders have secured American registry and a share of the revenues from taxation on account of their foreign built ships already in service, or ordered in anticipation of this subsidy bill, and then attempt to fulfill their part of the contract by ordering ships of the American builders, they will find, if they have the experience of French ship owners, that the cost of ship-building has been advanced in proportion to the Government subsidy. Mr. Peabody anticipates that the American owners of ships now under foreign flags 'would have, under the proposed bill, on an enlarged scale, the supremacy, if not the monopoly, of American commerce for a series of years to come.'"

The Brooklyn *Citizen*, representing a constituency closely allied to the general commercial center for which the *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* speaks, presents the following object-lesson, showing that our shipowners and builders do not need subsidies and that ships can be built and operated without them:

"Orders to build four large freight and passenger steamships for service between New York and New Orleans have been placed with the Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding Company by the Morgan Line Steamship Company. These will make twelve vessels built there for this company.

"Ordinarily, although the new ships will involve an aggregate cost of $2,400,000, it might not be deemed a subject of editorial comment; but, in view of the monstrous job embodied in the bill which Hanna in the Senate and Sereno Payne in the House are striving to get through Congress to authorize a raid on the public treasury for the sole benefit of shipbuilders and owners, who do not need any assistance at all, it is worth while to take notice of the incident.

"That neither the Morgan Line owners nor the Newport News shipbuilders are in need of any public aid to carry on their business, is perfectly plain from the facts above stated. If they could not do so, the owners would not be increasing their fleet from eight to twelve, which they are doing without a subsidy, paying the builders a fair profit thereon, of course, for the sufficient reason that the new vessels are needed in their business, which is the only proper reason why new vessels should be or ever will be built, except under the unwholesome stimulus of a subsidy whereby the people would be made to pay for vessels not wanted."

If the ship builders can build ships for the Morgan line for coast business, why can't they build ships for trans-oceanic business? They have built some, some very fine ones, and they would build more if these subsidy schemes were killed and it were definitely decided that there would be no tapping the Treasury to put money in their pockets.

A year or so ago Mr. Lawson, of Boston, who seems to have a weakness for fine flowers, paid $30,000 for a carnation which he thought could not be equalled. He felt so proud of it, and so sure that it could not be matched that he offered a prise of $10,000 to any one who would produce its equal. And now a new York florist has not only done that but produced one that puts his away in the back ground. The new flower is three and a half inches in diameter, possesses an entirely new kind of foliage and remains open for ten days.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. W. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia. But she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and $100. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S, drug store.

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: $1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, $2 00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trouble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once

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AT NAZARETH.

THOMAS WALSH.

From the black embers of the wintry earth
The West withdraws the reddening flame of day;
So ends the seventh annual of my birth—
And see! a Star—to mock our brazier gray.
Dost thou remember how at hours like these—
Yea, mother, I was not too young to know—
Thou would'st get humbly down upon thy knees,
And, opening wide our rustic coffer, show
The Magi's golden tributes treasured there;
The casket with its heap of gleaming stones
And coins of mystic kingdoms old and rare;
The incense arks, the myrrh's bejewelled cones
With countless hieroglyphs graven o'er;
These wouldst thou lift into my baby hands
Till lap and breast and arms could hold no more;
Then, pouring out the precious incense sands
Over the brazier coals, while all the room
Grew white with wreathing odors sanctified,
Thou wouldst prostrate thyself amid the gloom,
Sweet mother, on the ground before thy child.
To-night there is no incense for thy Son;
The chill wind finds the brasier black as death;
Nay, do not kneel—here, here, my breast upon,
Let starlight show the vapor of thy breath.

—*The New Lippincott.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Fretting and swearing are first cousins.

— Patience is the secret charm of greatness.

— The grumbler never helps; his purpase is to hinder.

— You can't whine and shine at the same time.

— Pouting and stubbornness are the fruits of selfishness.

— Selfishness is the band of the church, the leaguer's greatest foe.

— God's first act after the creation was the organization of a home.

— Kindness is a characteristic of culture, as cruelty is a characteristic of barbarity.

— Regrets are not the worst things in life. We would never have experienced them if we had not refrained of that which caused them, and thereby attained a higher moral view-point

— The way through the Red sea was safe enough for Israel, but not for Pharaoh. He had no business to go that way. It was a private road God had opened up for his own family.—*Thos. Rhys Davies.*

— I believe that this world utterly and absolutely needs Christ and His life, and that without Christ and His life this world is, without any reference to the future, a lost and dying world.—*Robert E Speer.*

— Each must, for the most part, live his own life; and, until motives are visible and can be unerringly interpreted, they should not be criticised adversely. Life should be held to a finer strain than one of fret and jar.—*Lillian Whiting.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Mrs. Myer—"I suppose you trust your husband implicitly." Mrs. Gyer—"yes—to a certain extent."

— She—"I suppose you were presented at court while in London?" He—"Yes, twice, but I was acquitted both times."

— You can't always judge a man by his clothes; but you can, some times, get some idea of him by his wife's clothes.—*Tit Bits.*

— "The tallest pole knocks the persimmons." "Lots you know about the country; if you wait long enough they'll drop."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— A Term of Comparison—She—"I wish you wouldn't call me 'dearest'" He—"Why?" She—"It implies that there are others."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Substantially Correct: Johnny—"Pa!" Pa—"Yes." Johnny—"Is an Indian reservation a place where the Indians are allowed to live until the white men want it?"—*Puck.*

— Jaggles—"What's the difference between grand and comic opera?" Waggles—"In grand opera it's the women in the boxes and not on the stage who wear the shocking costumes."—*Life.*

— "I just learned to-day," said Mrs. Wederly, "that my husband is leading a double life." "Well, I don't blame him much," replied her spinster cousin. "A single life is awfully tiresome."

— Another Pessimist Heard From: "Truth is stranger than fiction, you know." "Yes, and it's a good deal more entertaining than most of the fiction we get nowadays."—*Chicago Times Herald.*

— "What we need is an elastic currency," said Mr. Geezer, who was elucidating the money situation to his wife. "Then why dosen't the government print bank notes on thin sheets of rubber?" demanded Mrs. Geezer, with the air of one who has solved a great problem.

—— One of the most plusible arguments for the interference of the Government to check recurring panics in the money market is based on the fact that the Government's financial policy is largely responsible for the mischief which it thus seeks to counteract. The Secretary of the Treasury, being in the banking business, must aid banks in relieving the congestions which they are deprived of the means of preventing. This policy of poultice delays the application of the real remedy. The Government should go out of the banking business.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Last Friday morning Leone, the nine year old daughter of our townsman Mr. W. L. Woodall was fatally burned. While passing too near the fire, it is supposed, the clothing caught and before the flames could be extinguished she was so badly burned that she died Monday morning.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. G. P. Fleming, secretary of the Kinston tobacco board of trade, reports the amount of tobacco sold duriug the five months ending Dec. 21, as 8,327,993 pounds. There was paid out for this tobacco $540,584 19 being an average $6.70 per hundred. This average takes in all the scrap sold.

— Elizabeth City *Economist*: There seems to be some hitch in the oyster business. There has been a strike among the oyster catchers in the lower sounds, which has doubled the price of oysters at the factories, and has depressed the business. The oyster trade is one of our most important industries and it should not be checked.

— Durham *Herald*: The small child of George Holloway was burned to death at his home near Bragtown. His wife had occasion to go some distance from the house to get a bucket of water and left the child in the house by the fire; when she returned she found the child in the yard dead with his clothing burned from his body. It is supposed that the child played in the fire and its clothing caught and that it ran into the yard in its fright.

— Durham *Sun*: Mr. Norman Dunnigan, who lives six miles north of Durham, has perhaps one of the oldest horses in the county. It is so far as we have any record at this writing. This horse is 33 years of age, and his teeth have worn down to the gums to such an extent that he is unable to masticate his food. For several years Mr. Dunnigan has been feeding him on soaked corn. It is unable to eat this now, and his diet is meal. Mr. Dunnigan says he is going to take good care of the horse for what he has been and will nurse him and feed him as long as he lives and wants him to die a natural death.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— After all Great Britain has to rely on two Irishmen, Roberts and Kitchener, to rescue the empire from the military muddle into which English politicians and generals have brought it.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

—— A New England bishop says that there are plenty of children in that section ten and twelve years of age who have never heard of the Lord's prayer! And still New England is sending missionaries into all parts of the world.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— It is rather singular coincidence that the two great English speaking nations should at the same time be engaged in the same character of war against an inferior power; and seeking to compel by might what does not appeal to the sympathies of Christendom as right.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—He feel on his knees before her: "I will do anything to prove my love for you," he said, "I will go to the ends of earth if necessary. No task that you may set me can be too difficult, too hazardous. Only tell me what I can do to convince you—" "You might marry me," she suggested simply.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—113 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 29 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—5 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 139 barrel rosin, 194 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—20 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 291 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—92 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar, 66 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—3 bales cotton, 26 casks spirits turpentine, 117 barrels rosin, 277 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 434 bales; spirits turpentine, 63 casks; rosin, 268 barrels; tar, 865 barrels; crude turpentine, 87 barrels.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' Church; Sunday services: First mass and holy communion, 7 A. M.; high mass, 10.30 A. M. No evening service.

First Presbyterian Church: Divine services at 11 A. M. and 4 30 P. M., conducted by Rev. Hay Watson Smith. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. To-day German service, with holy communion at 11 A. M. Preparatory service at 10.30 A. M. English service at 7.30 P. M. To-morrow, Christmas service in English at 11 A. M.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor. 11 A. M., "Gleams from the Star of Bethlehem." At 7.30 P. M., "Discord in the Angel Choir; Instead of Peace, War on Earth." Special music by quartette.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 9 30 A. M. Christmas day service at 11 A. M. All seats free, and every person welcome.

St. James Church, fourth Sunday in Advent. Services, 11 A. M., morning prayer, ante-communion, sermon; 3.45 P. M.; teachers' meeting in the Sunday school; 4.15 P. M. Sunday school; 5 P. M., children's Christmas service. Christmas day: Divine service at 11 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Services in St. John's Church to day, fourth Sunday in Advent, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy communion, 7.45; morning prayer and Sermon, 11 o'clock; evening prayer, 4 30 o'clock. Christmas Day: First celebration, 7.45 A. M; morning prayer and second celebration 11 o'clock.

Sevices at Grace M. E. Church today by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole, at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Seats free. All welcome. Experience meeting at 10 A. M.; Epworth League devotional meeting at 6.45 P. M.; Sunday school at 3.30 P. M., J. H. Davis, superintendent; weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Fourth and Orange streets. Sunday services: Early celebration of the holy communion, 7.45 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 P. M. Christmas day: Morning prayer, sermon and holy communion, 11 A. M. Special and appropriate music by a select choir.

It isn't the bodily sickness that hurts a man. He could stand that fairly well if his mind were easy. But Americans are busy. They have work to do—plans to make—schemes to execute. They are "plungers." They line up their incomes as soon as they receive them or re-invest them with the idea of increase. They cannot afford to be sick. Sickness is a calamity—a financial calamity as well as a physical one. So the sick man worries, and the more he worries, the sicker he grows.

Worry is a good thing at the right time. The minute you feel a symptom of sickness—worry about it—do something about it—cure yourself. When you begin to feel run-down—when a twinge of rheumatism tells you plainly that your blood is impaired—when you are losing flesh and vitality, go to the nearest drug store and get a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the greatest blood purifier and tissue builder on earth. It cures rheumatism and all other blood diseases by curing the cause. It purifies the blood and puts the blood making organs into good, healthy, working order. It tones up the stomach, stirs up the liver, helps the kidneys in their work and puts suffering nerves at rest. It contains no whisky, alcohol, opium or other dangerous drugs and does not, therefore, create a craving for stimulants or narcotics.

James E. Crampton, Esq., of Sharpsburg, Washington Co., Md., writes: "I was in business in Baltimore, and had rheumatism for three months; couldn't walk at all. I tried the best doctors I could get but they did me no good. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it cured me sound. I came home to Sharpsburg and there were three cases of different diseases. I advised the patients to use Dr. Pierce's medicine, which they did, and all were cured. I have sold over one hundred dollars' worth of your medicine by telling people how it cured me. You can write to our druggist, Mr. G. F. Smith, in our town and he will tell you what I did for you in regard to selling and advertising your great remedies."

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		6½@	6¾
Standard		16¼@	6¾
Burlaps		5 @	15½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔		13½ @	15
Sides ℔ ℔		5½@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		6 @	6½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 15	@	1 20
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	18	@	20
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47½
Virginia Meal		@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	16	@	18
Dairy Cream		@	18
State	14	@	15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	8	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	18	@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	3 90
First Patent	4 25	@	4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔		13½@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52	@	52½
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	38	@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	60	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint	10	@	12½
Dry salt		@	19
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay	85	@	90
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	80	@	85
Western	80	@	85
North River	80	@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½	@	4
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6	@	6½
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
Common mill	5 00	@	6 50
Fair mill	6 50	@	8 00
Prime mill	8 50	@	10 00
Extra mill	10 00	@	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25	@	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 80	@	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 00	@	10 50
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	90	@	95
American	85	@	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	90
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Sage	2 50	@	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granul	5¾	@	5¾
Standard A	4¾	@	5
White Extra C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	4⅛
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00	@	10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50	@	8 75
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	7 00
Common Mill	5 00	@	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50	@	5 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00	@	3 50
" Sap	2 00	@	2 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	3½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	90
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	14	@	15

ADVICE TO COOKS.

See that all "left overs" are promptly used.

Dry your pots before you put them on the shelf.

Great cleanliness as well as care and attention is required in cooking.

Don't try to save time by laying utensils anywhere. It makes work.

Be careful not to use a knife that has cut onions until it has been cleaned.

Keep your hands very clean and don't wipe your fingers on anything that is handy.

Clean up as far as possible as you go. Put scalding water in each pan as you finish with it.

Never throw anything but water down the sink. Keep sink and sink brush scrupulously clean.—Woman's Life.

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 48 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 47½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per barrel for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 42@41½c; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1 30@2.30, $2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	63
Rosin	269
Tar	865
Crude turpentine	87

Receipts same day last year.—44 casks spirits turpentine, 247 bbls rosin, 295 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 9-16	cts	℔ lb
Good ordinary	5 15 16	"	"
Low middling	6 9-16	"	"
Middling	7	"	"
Good middling	7⅛	"	"

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—334 bales; same day last year, 1,683.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05c. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm: 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white,

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Money on call steady at 4 per cent., ruling rate — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady; actual business in bankers' bills was at 487¾ for demand and 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates 481¼@482 and 488@488½. Commercial bills 480@480¾. Silver certificates 58½@59¼. Bar silver 59¼. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. U S. 2's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110½; do. coupon, 110½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 134½; do. coupon, 134¼; U. S. old

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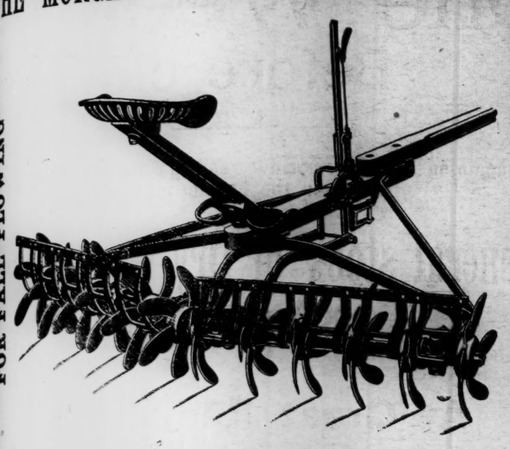

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Train 8—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Lumberton 9:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 10:05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:38 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:46 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:30 P. M.

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Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M., Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

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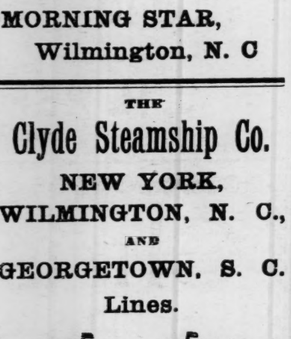

Chorus—Oh, ain't he kind ter play wid us.—New York Journal.

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WOMAN AND FASHION.

Change In the Paris Corset—For Short Waisted Women—Smart Jackets For Spring.

Last summer the proper form in Paris was the very small waist, broad hips and full bust. This year the full bust is still in evidence, but the hips are laced in narrow. The corset designed to produce this figure is made of heavy satin specially woven. The favorite background is a dark color traced with bright figures. Sapphire blue with pink carnations makes a charming pattern. The corset is trimmed elaborately with

LOOSE AT THE TOP.

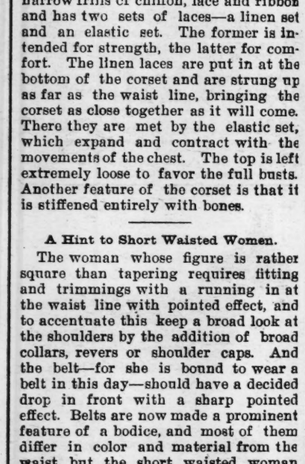
narrow frills of chiffon, lace and ribbon and has two sets of laces—a linen set and an elastic set. The former is intended for strength, the latter for comfort. The linen laces are put in at the bottom of the corset and are strung up as far as the waist line, bringing the corset as close together as it will come. There they are met by the elastic set, which expand and contract with the movements of the chest. The top is left extremely loose to favor the full busts. Another feature of the corset is that it is stiffened entirely with bones.

A Hint to Short Waisted Women.

The woman whose figure is rather square than tapering requires fitting and trimmings with a running in at the waist line with pointed effect, and to accentuate this keep a broad look at the shoulders by the addition of broad collars, revers or shoulder caps. And the belt—for she is bound to wear a belt in this day—should have a decided drop in front with a sharp pointed effect. Belts are now made a prominent feature of a bodice, and most of them differ in color and material from the waist, but the short waisted woman must always wear her belt in the same coloring as the bodice if she wishes to give apparent length to her waist.—Mary Katharine Howard in Woman's Home Companion.

For the Spring.

The smart little jacket shown in illustration is of fawn cloth, simple, but quite beautiful in cut and design. It opens in front with stylish revers extending to the bust, and the little flat vest is faced with dark blue velvet, enriched with many rows of stitching in silk the tone of the cloth. An empiecement of the cloth trims either side of the front, simulating a yoke and long



SMART JACKET AND HAT.

pointed strap extending to the edge of the jacket, while a second empiecement trims the basque at the back and is cut in three sharp points. The empiecements, jacket edge and revers are all bordered with rows of stitching. The sleeve has a little fullness at the top and is enriched with rows of stitching, and the turned back, pointed cuffs are finished in the same manner. The buttons, arranged in pairs, are of fine mother of pearl

The stylish walking hat is of pale fawn straw, trimmed with two white wings and a big blue velvet rosette.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Prettiest of the Summer Hats.

Hats covered with the exquisite new flowers, which are such perfect imitations as to seem real, and others trimmed with feathers, chiffon and ribbon are pictured and described by Louise Howard in The Ladies' Home Journal. The hats themselves are of the new straws and braids and are described so clearly that any clever woman may reproduce them.

He Was Not Impressed.

There were eight of us going to stop at the same town and the same hotel in a Kansas hamlet, and we talked things over before we left the train. Each one registered himself as a professor, judge or general, and when the last name was down we stood waiting to hear any observation from the landlord. He was a quiet spoken, humble looking man, and he should have been duly impressed with the array of names. He wasn't, though. He read them over in a careless way and then looked up to say:

"All right, professors, judges and generals, I'll do the best I can for you, and I guess most of the folks will turn out to your circus tomorrow if the weather is pleasant."—Brooklyn Citizen.

His Absentmindedness.

A little girl, who was trying to tell a friend how absentminded her grandpa was, said, "He walks around, thinking about nothing, and when he remembers it he then forgets that what he thought of was something entirely different from what he wanted to remember."—Boston Christian Register.

The amount of crimson clover seed, per acre recommended by Dr. Pieters, the seed expert of the department of agriculture, is about 15 to 20 pounds. A sample that will give 90 per cent of strong spouts will go further than one germinating less than 50 per cent. Seed in the husk is sometimes used and with good results in dry weather. When this is used, more seed is needed, say a bushel per acre.

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Cash in vault and in other banks.....	$368,830.50
Secured loans and discounts	288,349.73
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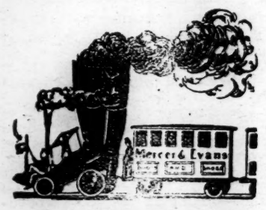

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Dated this 18th November, 1899.

GEORGE P. TAYLOR,
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in Long Creek village, Pender county—25 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

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in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

Fifty Acres of Land

One-half mile from South Washington, on the W. & W. R. R., in Pender county. Borders on county roads. Very valuable for trucking.

Property in Burgaw.

Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington.

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,
R. G. GRADY & CO.,
Burgaw, N. C.

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ATLANTIC & YADKIN RAILWAY.

Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar.....Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 43 p m
12 20 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv.....Rural Hall.....Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv.....Mt. Airy.....Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 54.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 55.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.....Maxton.....Lv	6 15 p m
9 25 a m	Lv.....Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv.....Hope Mills.....Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 38 p m

No. 46		No. 47.

South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 50 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.....Madison.....Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
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METHODIST PARSONAGE,
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I can bear testimony to the great value of Barium Rock Spring Water for Eczema and other eruptive diseases of the skin. I have known MANY CASES CURED, some of them of the most stubborn character.

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BIG G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 28 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.29 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.38 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25, P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.33 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 5.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 9.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York †9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.53 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 38 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 8.18 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 3.15 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.19 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.35 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 3.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 5.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 9 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.05 P. M. Returning leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.36 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M. Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.13 P. M., Manning 8.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 9.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M. Darlington 6.39 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.45 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.21 5A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.32 P. M., 9.45 P. M. Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.59 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.08 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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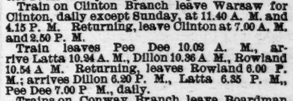
Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.



To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 19	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 37	9 00
7 09	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P.M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.33 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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is what every one in Wilmington is looking forward to in the season of good fellowship and merriment, and right here at our store will be found all the delicious morsels in Turkeys and Chickens, Choice Fruits, Cranberries, Fancy Oranges and Bananas, Nuts, Raisins and Currants. For your Christmas baking we have the finest Pastry Flour, Flavoring Extracts, Pure Spices, etc., at bed rock prices.

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Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

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Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage Says He Can Find No Cause for the Alleged Panic Conditions.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, was in conference at the Sub-Treasury to-day with J. Pierpont Morgan and James Stillman, President of the National City Bank. The conference lasted an hour, Mr. Morgan taking leave of the Secretary in advance of Mr. Stillman. Wm. Sherer, manager of the Clearing House Association, was also at the conference for a short time. In his informal talk to the reporters after the conference, the Secretary said:

"I was at East Orange last night, and I thought I would come over here to-day to see Treasurer Gordon and talk with him about the situation. While here I have been looking up the evidence of this panic we hear so much about, as indicated by the operations of the past year. Last Christmas everybody was happier. Money was easier and freer. No conditions of distress appeared anywhere in sight. At the present time there is a very different Christmas, and I have been looking at the facts to see what has occurred to justify the change.

"I find that a year ago, this date, the deposits of the associated banks of New York were $806,000,000; loans $708,000,000 and cash on hand $218,000,000. To-day the deposits are $740,000,000, a shrinkage of $66,000,000. Loans show a decrease of $32,000,000; cash shows a decrease of $24,000,000, and perhaps at the lowest estimate it would be safe to say that $10,000,000 in the shrinkage in deposits is due to the fact that New York charges for check collections.

"The shrinkage in loans, cash, just offsets the shrinkage of $56,000,000 in deposits. The Clearing House statement to-day shows an increase in the reserve of $3,500,000 for the week, bringing the surplus reserves of the banks in excess of legal requirements to substantially $11,000,000. I cannot see, looking at it from the outside, where the panic conditions are justified by the facts of the case."

The Secretary was asked whether his talk with Messrs. Morgan and Stillman foreshadowed any further action on the part of the Treasury. Mr. Gage aswered: "No, not at all."

"Do you propose to accept any more United States bonds and extend the time for so doing?" "No; I do not. The option closes to-day."

FIELD MARSHAL ROBERTS.

Departure of the New Commander in South Africa From London—An Enthusiastic Demonstration.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 23.—Field Marshall Roberts, who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo railroad station to day at noon, amidst scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the General can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station, this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all the approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bobs," accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up. Seldom has the terminus witnessed such an inspiring send off. Every appearance of the field marshal was the signal for ringing hurrahs, lusty shouts and good wishes. Lord Wolseley and others arrived late and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them.

The arrival of the Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Connaught was received with cheers.

Then rousing cheers momentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. The Prince and the distinguished General engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a striking center to a notable group, which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, who was in mourning dress, looked fit for anything. In spite of his 67 years, he was straight and soldierly and his rugged features reflected determination.

The Prince of Wales spoke a few parting words to the General, of which the phrases "God bless you," "Good luck to you," were caught by those near by. The Prince also said: "Good-bye, boys; a happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year and every possible luck in your mission."

ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY.

Sixty-two Years of Age—Will Continue On Executive List of the Navy.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Admiral George Dewey will be 62 years of age Christmas day, and under the ordinary process of law would be placed on the retired list on that account. The special law under which he was advanced to the head of the navy makes no provision for his retirement; and, therefore, he will continue on the executive list of the navy until his death. As a matter of fact his retirement would make no material change in his existing status. His pay would be the same on the retired as on the active list, and he would be entitled to the same emoluments and privileges, including a private secretary, with the rank of lieutenant, and the usual number of aids. The recent death of Lieutenant Brumby leaves a vacancy on his staff, for which there is considerable friendly competition among the young officers of the navy.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey spent some time at the Navy Department to day, visiting friends in the various bureaus.

For the Christmas Holidays.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets at the rate of one and one-third first class fare from important points to any point east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, including Washington, D. C., and between local stations. Tickets to be sold December 22d to 25th, inclusive, and December 30th to January 1st, inclusive; final limit January 4th, 1900.

24th, 27th, 29th, 30th.

If you wish to sell a farm or city property place it in the hands of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency. R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C. †

BRITISH REVERSES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Virility and Pluck With Which the Situation is Met Excites Admiration.

VICTORY MUST BE SECURED.

No Matter What the Cost—Must Come Through the Army—No Offer of Mediation Would be Accepted From Any Quarter.

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LONDON, December 23.—Not for many years past has Great Britain faced such a situation as confronts her this Christmas. Yet to meet it there has arisen a new Britain, which, by its virility and pluck, extorts admiration even from bitterest continental criticisms. Since the boastfulness has disappeared from the British press, the comments of the foreign papers, at least such as are printed here, are couched in tones far more fair and friendly than when it believed a speedy victory awaited General Buller. As repeatedly asserted, there is no likelihood of European interference, yet W. T. Stead, in the *Daily Chronicle* to-day, has a very alarming column in which he has visions of a "superior Jameson raid" by sixty thousand Frenchmen on London, in the absence of the channel fleet. Mr. Stead points out how easily, in his opinion, this might be accomplished, he says: "To rely, as some appear to do, upon the addition of a number of raw recruits, under the excitement and stimulus of the present war fever, is to rely on a broken reed. Woolwich arsenal might be in flames and the French tricolor flying over Westminster Palace before the first of these new recruits would have learned to handle a gun."

Boer Talk of Mediation.

Though Great Britain's plight in South Africa seems temporarily critical, the Associated Press learns that the Boers are straining every nerve to secure the mediation of President McKinley towards a favorable peace. But anyone with the slightest knowledge of British feeling quickly appreciates that not one person in a million contemplates any result but an ultimate British triumph, and all sections unite in saying this must be secured, no matter what the cost. Hence, the Boer agents themselves have only slight hopes that mediation would be accepted, though believing, if President McKinley could be persuaded to proffer it, Lord Salisbury, though, perhaps, bound to refuse, would excite humanitarian sympathy in the United States and thus drive to the Boers much wavering sentiment.

Would Not Be Accepted.

The Associated Press is informed from excellent sources that no offer of mediation would be accepted by Lord Salisbury in any shape or form. The popular conception of peace is that it must come through the idol of the army, General Roberts, and his not less adored chief of staff, General Kitchener. The country is prepared to wait indefinitely for that eventuality. The fall of Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mafeking would not make a particle of difference, for this stoical resolve is thoroughly imbeded in the hearts of the people who, for the first time in the memory of this generation have drank deeply of the cup of military defeat and disgrace. Any other defeats that the future holds for the British except entire annihilation are anticipated by the scattering criticism which the nation has inflicted upon itself. Estimates of the duration of hostilities vary from three months to one year.

The lack of news this week has by no means been taken as an instance of the adage regarding no news. A very general impression prevails that Kimberly will succumb.

An officer of the British South Africa Company, who has intimate knowledge of South Africa, tells the Associated Press, he believes that if the Boers capture Cecil Rhodes they will shoot him.

The Financial Pressure.

Nowhere more than on the Stock Exchanges has the lack of information caused extreme nervousness. It is realized that if Kimberly falls Debers mines shares and interests will shrivel to nothing, while the Chartered Company's vast interests will lose what little bottom they have left. It is learned by the Associated Press that the great financial houses in London have combined and furnished sufficient money to insure no large failures on settling day, December 28th, though the small-fry may suffer. Unless this action had been taken several well known houses, not of the first importance, but of large proportions, would, it is said, have to go under.

This concerted precaution has to some extent restored confidence, but the market is still panicky, many people believing that the most serious crisis has not yet been reached.

The Late Duke of Westminster.

While most persons knew the late Duke of Westminster was one of the richest men in England, no London newspaper has taken the trouble to procure an estimate of his wealth. He owned several thousand parcels of London realty which, together, according to the Duke's own statement, made six hundred acres. Much of this is in Belgravia, the aristocratic residence quarter. He also had thirty thousand acres in the country and an annual income of £750,000 His realty values in London were probably worth $30,000,000. The heir to the Dukedom is the late Duke's grandson, Viscount Belgrave, now in South Africa, an aid-de-camp of Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony.

The papers abouud in anecnotes of the late Duke. He was rather careless and shabby in his dress, and his life at Eaton Hall was that of an ordinary country gentleman. At any time during his stay in Cheshire, the Duke might be seen riding or walking about his park, usually smoking a cigarette, not often composed of tobacco, for he used medicated cigarettes as a remedy for asthma. To his houshold, the Duke was always an enigma. He rarely spoke to the servents and had an odd way of leaving bits of paper about on chairs, with a word of blame as to their condition, but with such personages as his house steward, head coachman and stud groom he was on most affable and confidential terms.

Prince George of Greece.

The Czar will present Prince George of Greece with a splendid yacht as a new year's gift. The vessel has been specially built at Sebastopole and is intended as a souvenir of Prince George's saving the life of the Czar in Japan, while they were on a tour around the world, a number of years ago.

Sir Thomas Lipton's plans for 1901 are progressing. He is confident his next boat will be much faster than the Shamrock. He said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I feel I will have a better chance next time, as I will have the Shamrock as a trial horse. As you know I had to work completely in the dark with the Shamrock, and I know she can be greatly improved, as far as speed is concerned. With her designer ill the best was not to be got out of her."

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A COAL MINE.

Many Bodies Have Already Been Taken Out—The Loss of Life Will be Very Heavy.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 23.—A terrific explosion occurred to-day at the Braswell coal mine, four miles from here, bringing death and disaster, more far-reaching than any horror since that at the Hill mine at Dunbar. Many bodies have already been taken out and the loss of life will be very heavy.

The explosion was terrific and was heard plainly at Brownsville, three miles distant. The main shaft was totally wrecked and rendered helpless. About four cages of men had gone down to work. Mr. Thomas, the cage-man, on his fourth trip, went to the bottom with fourteen men and gave the signal for the cage to rise when the explosion occurred. The cage was blown with terrific force to the top of the shaft and back to the bottom, completely blocking access to the mine. The timbers were hurled hundreds of feet; the lower rig of brick work in the air shaft was completely wrecked and had to be tunnelled to get into the mine at all. Eleven men have been gotten out; one died after reaching the air. One hand and a foot and one shoe were blown from the mine and found on top of the shaft. After tunnelling the wreck, at the bottom of the air shaft, two men in the underground mule stable were found alive but almost suffocated from bad air. The mine is supposed to be on fire, as a dense volume of smoke hinders the entrance of the rescue parties in the mine.

No complete list of the dead can be compiled to-night. The managers of the mines have the pay roll, but it has been impossible for them to discover all the survivors. But there is a general agreement that from thirty to thirty-five men are entombed. About one-half are Americans and the balance are Hungarians or Slavs.

A NEW YORK TRAGEDY.

Variety Actor Tried to Kill His Wife and Child and Committed Suicide On Broadway—The Wife's Story.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Willis Clark, 42 years of age, a variety actor, tried to kill his wife and little child and committed suicide in Broadway in front of the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day. He fired four shots, one at his little girl and two at his wife, missing them. He then placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and fired.

For many years past Clark had been writing jokes for minstrel men and comedians. Recently he started the publication of a monthly periodical called "Willis Clark's Joke Book." This gained a little circulation among vaudeville actors, but was not a paying venture.

Mrs. Clark said they had been married twelve years ago in Cincinnati, and that her own home was in Canton, Ohio. This morning she said her husband sent her a letter asking her to meet him with their little girl. She did so, and he asked them to take a short walk, as he had something important to show them. He was moody, she said, and had scarcely spoken until they reached the spot where the shooting took place.

COL. WM. J. BRYAN.

Will Meet the Democratic Leaders in Washington, D. C., Next Month.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Congressman Daly, of Hoboken, who returned from Washington to-day, said regarding the arrangements for William J. Bryan's proposed trip to New York:

"Colonel Bryan has arranged to meet the Democratic leaders in Washington next month, and the itinerary will then be mapped out. I have agreed to accompany Mr. Bryan on his trip through New Jersey. I understand his topic will be "Imperialism and Trusts," and that he is to speak at Camden, Trenton and Jersey City before going to New York. He will reach New Jersey probable befores February.

HOMICIDE IN CHARLESTON.

Result of An Argument Over the War in the Transvaal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 23.—A homicide was committed in this city to-night as a result of an argument over the Transvaal war between an Irishman and an Englishman. Matthew Gleason, Irish, and Alex Logan, English, engaged in the controversy, which grew warm. Logan went home, got a shot gun and returned to the scene of the dispute. Gleason having left, he shot and killed another young man of Irish descent, Mike Hogan, who had been in no way connected with the dispute. Too much John Barleycorn, rather than admiration for either John Bull or Paul Kruger, was at the bottom of the affair.

KILLED BY NEGRO BURGLARS.

Aged and Wealthy Planter of Hinds County, Miss.—Murderers Caught.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VICKSBURG, MISS, Dec. 23.—M. S. Haire, an aged and wealthy planter of Hinds county, was shot and killed by negro burglars at his home, two miles from Bolton, last night. Mr. Haire heard the burglars in the house and got up to inve tigate, when he was shot down and instantly killed. Jas. Martin and Charles West, negroes, were arrested to-day, charged with the crime. They made a confession, acknowledging their guilt. A report from Bolton to-night says that both negroes were lynched, but this is not confirmed. Bolton is a small town, 15 miles from this city, on the Alabama and Vicksburg road.

The American hospital ship Maine sailed from the West India docks, London, for Cape Town, yesterday afternoon.

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AGUINALDO FLYING TO THE HILLS.

Detachments of American Troops in Close Pursuit of the Filipino Leader.

AMERICAN PRISONERS FREE.

Aguinaldo's Wife Died in a Village Near Bayombong — Movements of U. S. Forces—Ports in Luzon to be Re-opened January 1st.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, December 23, 11.05 P. M.—The report of the Charleston Court of Inquiry, just rendered, is favorable to the officers of the stranded warship. It shows that due vigilance was exercised in the embarkation of the crew into the boats, which were well handled.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Vigan sends, under date of December 15th, the announcement that Colonel Wilder has telegraphed to Vigan, from Bayombong, that Aguinaldo, with a number of Igorroti litter bearers, had crossed the mountains, near Bayombong, going southward, and that his wife died in a village in that vicinity. She had been ill since the birth of their son, and the hardships of their flight proved fatal.

A report has reached General Young that Colonels Hare and Howze have released twenty-three American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gilmore, at Banna, in the province of North Ilocos.

Another report says General Tino has been captured near Lavag.

Colonel Hare reports having had two encounters with General Tino, in which 150 Filipinos were killed or wounded and about 350 rifles captured, without casualties on the American side.

General Bates has returned from the flag raisings at Cottabatto Pollok, Parang Parang, Davao and Miti. The Sultan and the leading Dattos welcomed the Americans. The chief of Puerto Princesa refused to permit General Bates to land, announcing his allegiance to Aguinaldo, and the Yorktown, lacking a landing force, withdrew.

Pursuing Aguinaldo.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—A cablegram from General Otis was received at the War Department to-day, giving the first news for some time of the detachments under Colonels Hare and Howze who are pursuing Aguinaldo. General Otis' advices indicate that they are close upon the insurgent leader, and also state that four of the American prisoners have been retaken though Captain Gilmore is still in the hands of the enemy. The General's dispatch follows:

"*Manila, December 23.*—General Young reports under date of the 21st instant, from Vigan, that Colonels Hare and Howze were heard from December 17, still in pursuit, though the mountains of the insurgents column having our prisoners, of whom four were captured, Captain Gilmore remaining a prisoner. The insurgents are one day in advance and the pursuit is continued. These pursuing troops have encountered great hardships, but will probably strike Aparri. Two hundred and one Spanish prisoners from Aparri received this morning, two hundred more in that section, mostly Friars, awaiting transportation to Manila. The entire Sixteenth infantry leaves for Aparri to morrow for stations from that point as far south as Bayombong. Blachendor's battalion of the Twenty-fourth is now on the lower Rio Grande, in good condition to return to the San Jose country. Forty of the infantry are being sent to Hughes, at Iloilo, who reports Pany, Negros and adjacent islands quiet. Arriving troops and supplies are being unloaded through service of the Manila Dagupan railway; two trains daily. All ports of northern Luzon will open January 1st."

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

No News Received in London—Rumor That a British Army Corps Has Disembarked at Lourenzo Marques.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 24, 4.45 A. M.—Beyond the statement that a heliographic message from Ladysmith reports "all well" to Friday afternoon, with no fighting except outpost skirmishes, absolutely no news has been received from the seat of war during the night.

The war officials at midnight said they had not received any war dispatches.

From a continental Dutch source, however, comes the incredible rumor that a British army corps has disembarked at Lourenzo Marques and is marching towards the Transvaal frontier.

BOSTON BANK FAILURE.

Former President of the Globe National Under Arrest for Embezzlement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., December 23.—The trend of affairs connected with the closing of the Globe National Bank in this city for the first time developed a criminal aspect through the placing under surveillance to-day in California of the bank's former president, Chas. H. Cole.

The charge against Mr. Cole is the old one of over drafts and over-loans, many to himself, and the action of the receiver of the bank, ordering the arrest, while a shock to the friends of the former president was not a surprise.

It is practically agreed that it was a gigantic speculation in copper stocks in which Mr. Cole became so much involved that the bank's money and credit was used until it was well nigh exhausted.

The inevitable result of failure followed, after the bank was bolstered up by the clearing house which paid its indebtedness to the extent of many millions.

Dorman B. Eaton, of New York, prominently identified with the civil service system, died yesterday Death followed an attack of nervous prostration from which he had suffered for about a month.

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N. C SUPREME COURT.

Adjourned to Meet Again in February. More Opinions—Cases Undecided.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 23.—The Supreme Court adjourned to-day and will meet again at the regular session on the first Monday in February, 1900. Certificates of judgments and opinions will be sent to courts below on the first Monday in January, under the Act of 1887, Chapter 41, at which time execution will be issued.

Opinions were handed down by the court to-day as follows: State vs. Gentry, from Madison; no error. Barker vs. Railroad, from Hederson; new trial. State vs. Shines, from Pender; no error. About forty cases that were argued are left undecided. Among these is the case to settle the question of salary of Theophilus White, fhell-fish commissioner.

IN NASH COUNTY.

Illicit Distilleries Seized by Revenue Raiders—Mr. Robert Hester's Condition.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

GOLD ROCK, N. C., Dec. 23.

United States revenue officers made a raid yesterday in the gold mining section of Nash county and cut up four or five illicit distillery plants, destroying a large quantity of beer. No arrests were made, but a small quantity of corn juice was captured.

Mr Robert Hester, who was shot by two negroes near Rocky Mount a few days ago, is growing worse. His wounds are more serious than the doctors attending him at first thought.

GREAT BRITAIN'S POSITION.

German Newspapers Claim Her Total Collapse As a Military Power.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Newspapers continue to discuss the problem as to what will be Great Britain's position hereafter, since they claim her total collapse as a military power has been proved by this war. The usually well informed *Kreuz Zietung* contains a letter from a high personage at St. Petersburg, claiming that the question as to whether it is advisable to use Great Britain's present powerlessness is again being seriously considered in Russian government circles. The military party is urging the timeliness for an Asiatic advance. The correspondent of the Associated Press can assert, however, on high authority, that as concerns Germany, no such step will be joined in, under any circumstances, but that full neutrality will be maintained to the end.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW.

Twenty-Round Bout Between George McFadden and Jack Daly.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—George McFadden and Jack Daly fought twenty rounds to a draw in the Pelican Athletic Club, Brooklyn, to-night. In the first eight rounds Daly chopped away with his left and George used his defensive works, slipping a left to the body occasionally. In the ninth round McFadden started on the aggressive, taking all kinds of chances. There were two fierce mix-ups in the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds, and in the roughing on the ropes McFadden twice slipped down. Daly showed to advantage in these rounds. The remaining six rounds were fiercely contested.

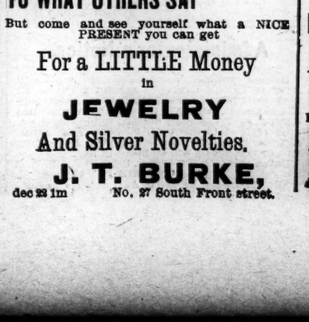
WARM WIRELETS.

President McKinley was among yesterday's subscribers to the fund for the widow and family of General Lawton. The fund has reached about $10,000, and will probably be given as a Christmas present.

In the case of Attorney John B. Welcome, charged with bribery in connection with the election of W. A. Clark to the United States Senate, the Supreme Court of Montana returned a unanimous decision of guilty, with penalty of disbarment.

That President McKinley will be the choice of the next Republican national convention; that he will be nominated by acclamation and that Secretary of War Root will be his running mate is the opinion of national committeeman Henry C. Paine of Wisconsin.

The small steamer Laura Marion, of Groveland, Mass., foundered on Newburyport bar last night and it is thought all on board were drowned. The missing are: Captain Frank W. Sargeant, her owner; Luther Johnson, engineer; Captain William Pettingill, the master.



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Christmas is almost here, and you ought to have your share. The only way for you to have it is to have some of those fine Photos that they are making at the Star Studio at a special rate this month Think of it, three different styles and four Pictures of each kind for only $2 00. Come and see i- the only way for you to realize the bargains we are giving our hundreds of customers, and we guarantee that every one of them is highly pleased. Yours for the best work and the lowest prices. Star Studio, 116 Market street. dec 9 tf

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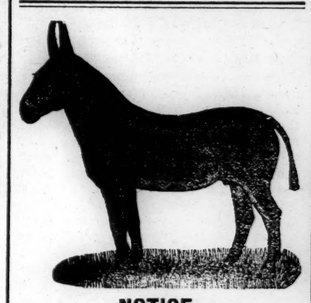

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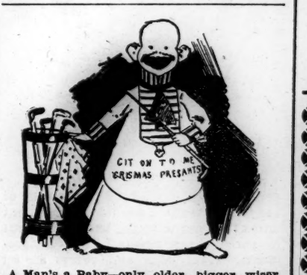

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